

Steel Auxiliary Barques "ELFLEDA" & "FINGAL".

The Christiania Surveyors have been informed that the various plans of stern bushes submitted for these vessels cannot be approved. The first proposals had only about one half the length of bush required by the Rules. The second plan in the case of the "Fingal" shewed a long bush of length required by the Rules, but it was not properly supported, so that the extra length provided was not efficient and the Surveyors were informed that it was impossible to approve of this arrangement.

The Surveyors now again ask that the bushes in the case of the "Elfleda", which are only 12 inches long against $22\frac{1}{4}$ inches as required by the Rules, should be approved, as they have personally examined the arrangement (and presumably approved of it). They have been told by telegram that a machinery certificate cannot be given, and that the vessels' class can only be continued as a sailing vessel.

It is submitted that they should be again similarly informed.

In the case of the "Fingal" they have stated that brackets are being fitted "as required". In order to avoid possible misunderstanding it is submitted that he should be asked to submit a plan shewing how they are being actually made.

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